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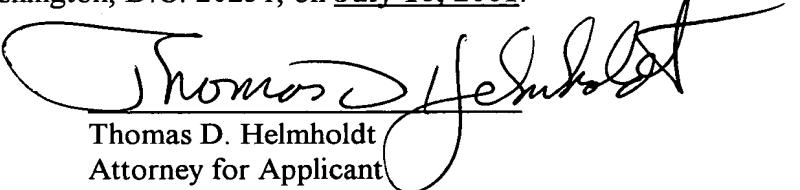
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If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

The Office Action dated June 15, 2001 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims:

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27. (New) A ball nut having at least one internal bearing race with a first end and a second end, and at least one recirculating crossover passage for connecting the first end with the second end to form a continuous recirculating path for a plurality of ball bearings, comprising:

(means for forming an eyelet with a helix passage for receiving a plurality of ball bearings in a flange end;

means for defining a portion of a crossover passage in the flange end, the crossover passage in communication with the helix passage for returning the plurality of ball bearings; and

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